

WHEREAS; school library programs provide access to a wide variety of essential educational materials and play a vital role in literacy and learning, helping students become more engaged and well-rounded; and

WHEREAS; school libraries are a place where all students can see themselves reflected or step into another world to gain a different perspective; and

WHEREAS; reading is at the core of personal and academic competency, and as literacy leaders, school librarians elevate the importance of reading, as well as reading proficiency, to support the academic success of all learners; and

WHEREAS; the full potential of school libraries is dependent upon knowledgeable and skilled professional school librarians and staff, and in some cases, certified library professionals can even be linked to higher levels of student achievement; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating school libraries and the role of school librarians in providing a high-quality education to students across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 2023 as

SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 17th day of March 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State